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SGS Secures Financial Future, Calls for 2024 Dues

The Southern Gold Society (SGS) has reported a recent shortfall in its finances after several years of not collecting membership dues. Although expenses for the Society, including $184 for the website and $50 for memberships in ANA, FUN, and GNA, total $234 annually, only minimal dues were collected in the past two years. As a result, the Society is calling on its members to pay their 2024 dues of $25 each, which will help cover these costs and stabilize the Society's finances.

The Society is pleased to announce that a no maintenance fee checking account has been opened, helping to secure a more stable financial future. Seven members have already paid their 2024 dues, with one member also paying for 2025. Founding members Al Adams and David Crenshaw contributed significantly, with Al donating $100 and David covering the website hosting bill. Members are urged to promptly pay their 2024 dues to continue this positive momentum and support the Society's mission.

Journey into Georgia's Golden Past at the Dahlonega Gold Museum State Historic Site

Step back in time to the era of gold rush fever and discover the glittering history of Georgia's first major gold rush at the Dahlonega Gold Museum State Historic Site. In the heart of Dahlonega's historic downtown square stands the 1836 Lumpkin County Courthouse, now home to a remarkable tribute to the state's golden legacy. Join us as we delve into the captivating story of how Benjamin Parks's chance discovery of a gold nugget while deer hunting sparked a frenzy that drew thousands to the hills of Dahlonega in search of fortune.

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Writers Needed

One of the purposes of the SGS is to “enjoy each member's knowledge.” This newsletter is one of the ways this numismatic knowledge is dispersed. The frequency of the newsletter is driven by the number of submissions for publication. The editor of the SGS eNewsletter needs new material and welcomes the opportunity to review your original article for publication. Articles should be relevant to the study of the gold coins and related history of the Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans branch mints and private minters Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers. If you do a presentation at a gathering or other venue, consider compiling your notes into an article. Do not worry about the grammar. The editor will do the rest. Electronic manuscripts should be submitted by email to contactus@southerngoldsociety.org.

Mission Statement

The Southern Gold Society was formed to increase the enjoyment and study of Southern gold coins and related history, through an informal, relaxed mix of education and fellowship. The society is reminiscent of those of a bygone era, in which connoisseurship and a gentlemanly appreciation of Southern gold coins is the order of the day.

Purpose

- To facilitate the enjoyment and study of the gold coins and related history of the Southern branch mints (Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans) and private Southern minters (Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers).
- To enjoy each member's knowledge and friendship in an informal manner.
- To provide a relaxed, pleasant environment in which to meet during selected coin shows and other convenient events.
- To encourage the appreciation and preservation of a Southern gold coin’s original surfaces.
- To consolidate the information, resources, and talent available to enthusiasts of these historic Southern gold coins.

Annual Membership Fees

Regular $25 (January-December).

Membership for new members joining in October, November, or December extends through the next year. Checks for membership fees should be made payable to the Southern Gold Society and mailed to David Crenshaw, P.O. Box 237, Dacula, GA 30019-0004.

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